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FROM CODEL PERCY

STATE PLEASE PASS TO CIA FOR BUSH, TO NADINE JACOBSEN, EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT TO SENATOR PERCY AND
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR PAT HOLT

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: OREP (PERCY, CHARLES H.)

SUBJECT: SENATOR PERCY MEETING WITH RHODESIAN PRESIDENT REP H.
HAWKINS IN CAPE TOWN

1. AMBASSADOR HAWKINS MET IN MY SUITE AT MOUNT NELSON FOR BREAKFAST
AT MY REQUEST. HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP TO RHODESIA.

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2. I ASKED IF HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ABANDNED ALL EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE

A SETTLEMENT AND FELT RESORT TO FORCE INEVITABLE. IF SO, FROM WHOM DID THEY EXPECT TO GET MILITARY SUPPORT: THE UNITED STATES? UNITED KINGDOM? SOUTH AFRICA? HAWKINS SAID GOR STILL WILLING TO WORK AT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OVER PERIOD OF 3 TO 5 YEARS BUT WITH WHOM? THEY EXPECTED NO MILITARY SUPPORT FROM ANYONE INCLUDING SA. I CONCURRED AND SAID I FELT RHODESIA HAD GOTTEN ITSELF INTO AN IMPOSSIBLE POSITION AND BY THEIR INTRANSIGENCE I FEARED WERE GOING TO THE MOST RADICAL ELEMENTS IN AFRICA AND CAUSE EVEN MODERATE LIBERATION LEADERS TO FEEL THAT A RESORT TO FORCE, EVEN WITH COMMUNIST SUPPORT, WOULD BE THE ONLY COURSE TO FOLLOW.

3. HE SHOULD TRANSMIT TO HIS GOVERNMENT MY ASSESSMENT THAT THEY ARE AT ZERO HOUR TO ESTABLISH A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK TO SALVAGE ANY REAL CHANCE FOR WHITES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND I SAW NO HELP COMING TO THEM FROM ANY SOURCE. TIME IS WORKING AGAINST THEM AND FAVORS THE MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS. THE TIME FRAME OF PM CALLAHAN OF 18 TO 24 MONTHS TRANSITION IS NOW CLOSE TO THE MOST THEY COULD GET IF THEY ACT TO NEGOTIATE NOW.

4. HAWKINS IS HIMSELF A REASONABLE AND IMPRESSIVE PERSON.

END OF CODEL MESSAGE.

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